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1. IN EARLY OCTOBER 1973 HELD A SERIES OF PUBLIC RELATIONS INTERVIEWS RELATED TO A PRO-CHILE PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN IN LATIN AMERICA.

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WERE PRESENT DURING SOME OF THE INTERVIEWS. COMMENT: SINCE THESE INTERVIEWS WERE OF A PUBLIC RELATIONS NATURE, SOME OF THE INFORMATION COULD HAVE BEEN MANIPULATED BY THE JUNTA TO ACCOMPLISH PROPAGANDA OBJECTIVES AND IMPROVE THE JUNTA'S IMAGE ABROAD.)

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2. IN ASSESSING LEFTIST INVOLVEMENT IN THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE COUNTER COUP D'ETAT PLANNED BY FORMER PRESIDENT SALVADOR ALLENDE, [redacted] CLAIMED THAT THE PLANS INVOLVED AND COMPROMISED THE ENTIRE LEFT. [redacted] THAT ALLENDE HAD AN OPERATION PLANNED, SUPPORTED BY THE CUBANS, TO TAKE COMPLETE CONTROL OF CHILE AND THAT THIS WAS READY TO BE IMPLEMENTED WHEN THE MILITARY COUP D'ETAT TOOK PLACE. ([redacted] COMMENT: [redacted] 1.5(c) [redacted], COMMENTED [redacted] THEY WERE SORRY NOT TO HAVE SUNK THE CUBAN SHIP WHICH WAS CHASED OUT TO SEA AT THE TIME THE COUP D'ETAT BROKE OUT. THEY CLAIMED TO HAVE DOCUMENTED PROOF THAT IT WAS CARRYING HEAVY ARMAMENTS, INCLUDING ROCKETS, FOR THE ALLENDE OPERATION.)

3. [redacted] THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT STILL IS NOT READY OR ABLE TO ESTIMATE THE STRENGTH OF THE REMAINING LEFTIST UNDERGROUND APPARATUS, BUT BELIEVES THIS DOES NOT 1.5(c) CONSTITUTE A SERIOUS LONG-RANGE PROBLEM. [redacted] THE MILITARY DOES NOT BELIEVE A GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION WOULD BE CAPABLE OF RURAL OPERATIONS BECAUSE OF THE COLD CLIMATE IN THE MOUNTAIN AREAS, OR THAT CUBA COULD SUPPLY OR CONDUCT GUERRILLA RESISTANCE IN CHILE BECAUSE OF CHILE'S GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION AND

ITS RUGGED TERRAIN. [redacted] THAT THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT ESTIMATES THAT IT WILL BE ABLE TO DESTROY ANY AND ALL RESISTANCE WITHIN TWO MONTHS. [redacted] THIS WILL REQUIRE MORE KILLING BY THE MILITARY, BUT THE GOVERNMENT IS WILLING AND READY TO PAY THIS PRICE. [redacted] THE MILITARY HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN LOCATING HIDDEN ARMS CACHES. [redacted] THAT TO ELIMINATE COMPLETELY ALL REMAINING RESISTANCE, BEGINNING THE WEEK OF 15 OCTOBER THE MILITARY WILL MAKE NO MORE ARRESTS. AN ORDER HAS BEEN GIVEN TO SHOOT TO KILL ALL THOSE CAUGHT OR SUSPECTED OF RESISTANCE, ESPECIALLY IN RURAL AREAS. ([redacted] COMMENT: [redacted] THAT THE ARMED CLANDESTINE APPARATUS STILL EXISTING IS 40 PER CENT OF WHAT IT WAS AT THE TIME OF THE COUP D'ETAT BUT THAT THIS 40 PER CENT IS DISPERSED. [redacted] AN EVALUATION IS BEING PREPARED ON ALL SOVIET BLOC WEAPONS DISCOVERED.) 1.5 (c)

4. DESCRIBING THE GOVERNMENT POLICY TOWARD FORMER LEFTIST ACTIVISTS, [redacted] THAT LUIS C O R V A L A N, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE CHILEAN COMMUNIST PARTY NOW UNDER ARREST, WILL BE SHOT TO DEATH, UNDER THE ACCUSATION OF "HIGH TREASON." 1.5 (c)

[redacted] IF THIS BECOMES IMPOSSIBLE FOR POLITICAL REASONS, CORVALAN WILL BE CONDEMNED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT, BUT NOT TO DAWSON ISLAND. [redacted] COMMENT: [redacted] ALSO INDICATED THAT CORVALAN WOULD BE SHOT.) IF CAUGHT, CARLOS A L T A M I R A N O, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE CHILEAN SOCIALIST PARTY, WILL BE CONDEMNED TO 20 YEARS AND ONE DAY OF IMPRISONMENT, BUT HE PROBABLY WILL BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE CHILE UNDER DIPLOMATIC PROTECTION. [redacted] COMMENT: THE ARMED FORCES HAVE ALWAYS CONSIDERED ALTAMIRANO TO BE THE MOST DANGEROUS POPULAR UNITY (U.P.) LEADER. IF CAPTURED ALIVE, HE WILL PROBABLY BE TREATED VERY HARSHLY. IT ALSO SEEMS THAT THE EXECUTION OF CORVALAN WOULD BE MUCH HARDER TO JUSTIFY THAN THAT OF ALTAMIRANO WHO HAS BEEN CLEARLY IDENTIFIED AS A LEADING LEFTIST EXTREMIST.) 1.5 (c)

5. [redacted] THAT IMPORTANT LEFTISTS ARRESTED BY THE GOVERNMENT INCLUDE L O B O S (FNU) AND SAMUEL R I Q U E L M E CRUZ, BOTH OF WHOM WILL BE SHOT TO DEATH OR AT THE LEAST CONDEMNED TO 50 YEARS AND ONE DAY OF IMPRISONMENT. [redacted] THE GOVERNMENT BELIEVES ALL LEFTISTS TO BE GUILTY OF TREASON AND THAT ALL ARE IMPORTANT AND MUST BE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE. [redacted] FOR THIS 1.5 (c)

REASON THE GOVERNMENT WILL REQUEST EXTRADITIONS FOR OSCAR GUILLERMO G A R R E T O N, A LEADER OF THE UNITARY POPULAR ACTION MOVEMENT (MAPU) EXILED IN THE COLOMBIAN EMBASSY IN SANTIAGO, AND EX-SENATOR RAFAEL AGUSTIN G U M U C I O, EXILED IN THE VENEZUELAN EMBASSY IN SANTIAGO. [redacted] THE GOVERNMENT IS GOING TO CLEAN OUT THE ENTIRE LEFT REGARDLESS OF THE COST.

6. [redacted] THAT THE USSR ALSO WAS TOTALLY INVOLVED WITH THE ALLENDE OPERATION AND THAT THERE IS STILL A GREAT DEAL OF INFORMATION ON THE SOVIET INVOLVEMENT WHICH HAS NOT BEEN MADE PUBLIC. [redacted] THE GOVERNMENT IS ATTEMPTING TO DECIDE HOW TO TREAT THIS TOPIC, BUT [redacted] THAT DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WILL NOT BE RENEWED FOR A LONG TIME TO COME. [redacted] COMMENT: [redacted] COMMENTS ON THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE USSR WERE CONFIRMED IN A SEPARATE INTERVIEW BY [redacted] 1.5 (c)

[redacted] THAT IT WOULD HAVE TO BE THE SOVIETS THEMSELVES WHO SOLICIT RENEWAL OF RELATIONS. [redacted] THAT SOVIET SUPPORT AND BACKING FOR CUBA, TAKEN WITH THE CUBAN

COMMUNIST ATTEMPT TO INTERVENE IN CHILE, IS PROOF ENOUGH OF SOVIET IMPLICATION IN THE ALLENDE OPERATION. [redacted] COMMENT: THERE IS NO EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT [redacted]'S STATEMENT THAT THE SOVIETS WERE TOTALLY INVOLVED IN THE ALLENDE OPERATION. THIS SEEMS TO BE ANOTHER ATTEMPT BY THE JUNTA TO MAKE PROPAGANDA POINTS ABROAD.)

7. [redacted] CITED THE FOLLOWING AS PROOF OF SOVIET INVOLVEMENT: 1.5 (C)

A. THE SOVIET EMBASSY PACKED UP AND REMOVED ALL OF ITS RECORDS FROM CHILE, THEREBY BLOCKING ANY CHILEAN MOVE TO SEIZE THESE PAPERS, EVEN THOUGH THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT NEVER WOULD HAVE CONFISCATED THEM. THE GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THE SOVIETS DID THIS BECAUSE THEY HAD MUCH TO HIDE.

B. THE GOVERNMENT CLAIMS TO HAVE EVIDENCE OF CERTAIN INSTANCES OF CONTACTS BETWEEN SOVIET AND CUBAN AGENTS, ESPECIALLY IN THE LAST FEW DAYS BEFORE THE COUP D'ETAT, WHICH THE GOVERNMENT ASSUMES WERE CONNECTED WITH PREPARATIONS FOR THE ALLENDE OPERATION. UNFORTUNATELY THE GOVERNMENT WAS NEVER ABLE TO IDENTIFY AN AGENT FROM THE CUBAN SHIP WHICH ESCAPED, WHO HAD

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BEEN IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH TWO SOVIET COMMERCIAL AGENTS IN SANTIAGO A FEW DAYS BEFORE.

C. THE MULTITUDE OF SOVIET AND CZECH ARMS FOUND SINCE THE COUP D'ETAT.

[redacted] COMMENT: "OFF THE RECORD" [redacted] SAID THE GOVERNMENT IS MOVING FORWARD WITH INTERROGATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAD CONTACT WITH THE CUBAN AND SOVIET EMBASSIES AND HOPES TO INDUCE SOMEONE TO COOPERATE IN FURTHER EXPOSING THE COMPLICITY OF THE USSR AND CUBA IN THE ALLENDE OPERATION. THEY SAID ONE CUBAN UNDER INTERROGATION KILLED HIMSELF RATHER THAN BE QUESTIONED ON CUBAN AND SOVIET INVOLVEMENT.) 1.5(C)

8. REGARDING THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA (PRC), [redacted] THERE IS NO INDICATION OF PRC INVOLVEMENT IN THE ALLENDE OPERATION, AND THE GOVERNMENT THEREFORE WILL NOT BREAK RELATIONS BUT WILL AWAIT THE PRC MOVE. [redacted] IN THE MEANTIME THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PRC WILL BE MONITORED CLOSELY, AND IF FUTURE PRC ACTIONS MAKE IT NECESSARY, RELATIONS WILL BE BROKEN.

9. [redacted] 1.5(C)

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